

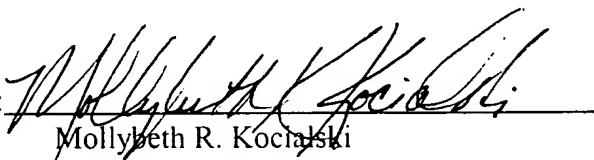
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It is requested that the Examiner review the annotated claims hereinbelow and specifically identify any of the amendments that the Examiner believes may be reasonably construed as being related to the statutory requirements for patentability, and that narrow the claim scope. For each such amendment identified by the Examiner, it is requested that the representative named below be granted an opportunity to address the Examiner's belief that the amendment was made for statutory reasons of patentability and for narrowing the claim. In particular, it is requested that an opportunity be given to provide additional reasons and/or clarification for stating that these changes are not related to any statutory requirement for patentability or do not narrow the scope of the claim. It is further requested that the representative named below be contacted by telephone regarding this matter. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in a condition for allowance. In the event that the Examiner has any questions regarding Applicants' position, the Examiner is invited to contact the below-named attorney at (303) 863-9700.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

22. (Amended) A method for producing a molded article, comprising:

providing a flocked surface;

positioning the flocked surface in a [closed] part of a mold;

introducing a resin into the [closed] mold after closure of the mold while the flocked

5 surface is positioned in the closed mold; and

after solidification of the resin, removing a molded article comprising the flocked surface and the solidified resin from the mold.

42. (Amended) A device for forming a molded article, comprising:

first and second complementary parts of a closed mold, the first and second parts being in engagement with one another to define a mold cavity;

5 a flocked surface positioned in the cavity [in contact with a surface] of the closed mold;

an input port for a resin; and

a resin located in the cavity and in contact with the flocked surface.